



Lakewood Community Services Center
COVID-19 Response Funding Requests
Lakewood Citizens Advisory Committee
June 4, 2020



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A Brief LCSC History

- **Founded as Lakewood Christian Service Center in 1982 by 12 Lakewood churches**
- **Located in rent-free storefronts for 27 years**
- **Began hiring licensed and credentialed staff in 2008 to expand programs and services**
- **Moved to current 5,200 sq. ft. space in 2009**
- **Changed name to Lakewood Community Services Center in 2011**

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Programs and Services

- Emergency food for Lakewood, Rocky River and Westlake residents - *modified*
- Monthly emergency food deliveries to seniors - *modified*
- Summer Lunch and Enrichment Program – *anceled for 2020*
- On-site farmer's markets – *anceled for 2020*
- 5,000 sq ft community garden at Madison Park – *anceled for 2020*
- Case management for low/mod income residents - *modified*
- Homelessness prevention - *modified*
- Shelter services - *modified*
- On site mental/behavioral health services in partnership with Murtis Taylor Human Services System - *modified*

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LCSC Client Profile

- 92% meet HUD's Extremely Low-Income guidelines (30% AMI - \$16,000 max for household of one)
- 26% fall into one or more of HUD's subpopulations (veterans, victims of domestic violence, seniors, individuals with disabilities)
- 32% are single female heads of household
- 24% are age 62 and over
- 89% spend 60% or more of their monthly income on rent
- 30% of adult clients have no Primary Care Provider

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CDBG – CV: Emergency Food Assistance & Service Delivery Model Transformation

Primary Goals & Objectives for Delivery-Only Service

- Continue to provide daily (Mon-Fri) emergency food assistance to all Lakewood residents in need of support
- Maintain social distancing
- Better serve individuals with special needs including seniors, and those with: limited English proficiency; compromised immune systems; mental/physical disabilities; and who rely on public transportation
- Continue to provide healthier food choices

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CDBG – CV: Emergency Food Assistance & Service Delivery Model Transformation

COVID 19-Related Service Stats

- March – 1,400 individuals served
- April – 2,100 served
- May – 2,400 served
- Anticipate significant increase after 7/31 when additional unemployment ends

“That it took a pandemic for us to stop and assess just how precarious the economic conditions are for millions of Americans is unfortunate, but let’s not waste the moment to address it.”

*San Antonio Mayor, Ron Nirenberg
New York Times Magazine May 25, 2020*

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CDBG-CV Request

Expense Category	CDBG Request	Other Secured Funding	Total
Personnel	\$24,200	\$34,000	\$ 58,200
Equipment/Maintenance	80,945	87,000	167,945
TOTAL	\$105,145	\$121,000	\$226,145

July 1,2020 – June 30,2021

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ESG-CV Homelessness Prevention

Primary Goals & Objectives

- Keep as many Lakewood residents as possible in their current rental housing by paying rent in arrears to bring them current with their lease obligations
- Pay rent forward for those who are still unable to guarantee payment because they have not yet been brought back to work if furloughed or who have yet to secure new employment

“I think we will enter into a severe renter crisis and very quickly. Without a new round of government intervention we will have an avalanche of evictions across the country.”

Emily A. Benfer, housing expert and associate professor, Columbia Law School

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ESG-CV Homelessness Prevention

Target Population for Assistance

- Individuals whose income has been directly impacted by COVID-19
- Individuals whose income does not exceed 50% AMI (cap of \$26,600 for a household of one)

Population that Does Not Qualify

- Individuals whose income solely comprises Social Security benefits
- Individuals whose rent in arrears began before COVID-19 shutdown (pre mid-March 2020)

Note: those who do not qualify for ESG-CV can apply/may qualify for non-COVID ESG

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ESG - CV Homelessness Prevention Request

Expense Category	ESG-CV Request
Personnel	\$47,800
Homeless Management Information System - HMIS	18,485
Equipment/Supplies	5,285
Financial Consultant	4,500
Rent Assistance (est. 175 clients @ average \$2,600)	454,992
Utility Assistance (many mainstream assistance options exist)	10,000
TOTAL	\$541,062

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